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[Two-part message complete]

[Part I] To VIKTOR[i].

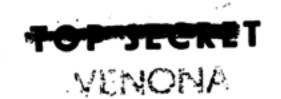
The probationers[STAZhERY] of the new group have given the following personal histories of themselves:

- 1. "TED"[ii], an old FELLOW COUNTRYMAN[ZEMLYAK][iii], capable, reliable, works in the Civilian Allocation Division of the DEPOT[DEPO][iv].
- 2. "KANT"[v] became a FELLOW COUNTRYMAN a long time ago, being [8 groups unrecovered], works in the Machine Tool Division of the DEPOT.
- 3. "RAIDER[REJDER]"[vi], an old FELLO!! COUNTRYMAN, reliable, capable; works in the Aeroplane Allocation Division of the DEPOT [4 groups unrecovered] ARENA[vii] through [8 groups unrecovered] STORM [ShTORM])[viii].

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4. [BT PLUMB [LOT]][ix], an old FELLOW COUNTRYMAN, reliable, works on the KILGO...[x] Committee

[62 groups unrecoverable]

ARENA's apartment.

[64 groups unrecovered]

Donald WHEELER "IZRA"[xi], has been a FELLOW COUNTRYMAN for several years, [BK a Trade-Union] official, capable, works in the Labor Division Research and Analysis Branch of IZBA[xii]

[6 groups unrecovered]

[Part II]

[34 groups unrecovered]

he did not[a] maintain contact with

[53 groups unrecovered]

about this group from SOUND [ZVUK][xiii] [3 groups unrecovered] material on them. CHAR...[xiv].

· [39 groups unrecoverable]

. (He is everywhere in

[14 groups unrecovered]

For this purpose the Trade Unions [8 groups unrecovered] Trade Unions, working class and [67 progressive] contacts of the local FELLOW COUNTRYMEN.

[9 groups unrecovered]

[BK He] maintains a close friendship with MUSE[MUZA][xv] and has repeatedly tried to marry her. He is a close friend of [BK SLAN[G] [BK SLEN[G]][xvi] [3 groups unrecoverable] and often comes to TYRE[TIR][xvii] with her[(][b] SLANG[SLENG] has spoken very well of him). Harold GLASER[xviii] an old FELLOW COUNTRYHAN. Temporarily abroad (evidently STORM knew him well). Concerning the remaining members of the group we will advise later.

MAYOR[MER][o][xix]

No. 419 30th May

Notes: [a] The original suggests that this clause was introduced by some such phrase as "if" or "provided that".

- [b] Inserted by the translator.
- [c] The signature, sent at the end of Part I in accordance with normal practice, was sent as MAJ, but was corrected in a service footnote at the end of Part II to MER.

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Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.

> Probably Edward Joseph FITZGERALD. [ii] TED:

[iii] FELLOW COUNTRYMAN: Hember of the Communist Party.

[iv] DEPOT: War Production Board.

[v] KANT: Harry Samuel MAGDOFF.

[vi] RAIDER: Victor PERLO.

[vii] ARENA: Probably Mary Wolfe PRICE.

[viii] STORM: Unidentified cover - ~~~

[ix] PLUMB: Possibly Charles KRAMER.

[x] KIIGO: Senator KILGORE was Chairman of the War Mobilisation

Sub-Committee of the U.S. Senate Military Affairs

Committee.

Also mentioned in MOSCOW's No. 954 of 20th September 44 [xi] IZRA:

(3/NBF/T4 088), NEW YORK's 582 of 28th April 44 and Donald WHEELER

1244 of 31st August 44 (not published) and NEW YORK's 1325 of 15th September 44 (3/NBF/T21) and 1389 of 1st October 44 (3/NBF/T96).

[xii] IZBA: Office of Strategic Services.

[xiii] SOUND: Jacob GOLOS.

Unidentified. May be a cover-name or a real name. [xiv] CHAR...:

[XV] MUSE: Unidentified cover-name.

[xvi] SLANG: Jane ZLATOVSKY.

[xvii] TYRE: NEW YORK, N.Y.

[xviii] Harold GLASER: Harold GLASSER.

Possibly Iskhak Abdulovich AKhMEROV. [xix] MAYOR:

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